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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 154

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 13990

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FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 1165\* GDS

TAC: EFIN, RP

SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF ANNUAL MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 224574, (B) STATE 225438, (C) MANILA 13989

1. REF B WAS YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE ELABORATING ON REF A, WHICH INQUIRED ABOUT PRC EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE GRC FROM IMF/IBRD MEETING MANILA. REF C IS EMBASSY RESPONSE TO REF A, WHICH TELLS ABOUT ALL WE KNOW TO DATE.

2. THE FACT THAT REPRESENTATION WAS MADE BY PRC AMBASSADOR AND FOLLOWED BY A NOTE TO DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUGGESTS THAT IT HAS CERTAIN STEAM BEHIND IT AND MAY ERUPT AGAIN DURING THE MEETINGS THEMSELVES. PRC HAS SOME LEVERAGE WHICH IT CAN BRING TO BEAR ON PHILIPPINES, BUT IS APPARENTLY MOVING AHEAD WITH ITS PLANS TO STAGE MAJOR MANILA EXHIBITION OF CHINESE ART AND PARTICIPATE IN MANILA TRADE FAIR, BOTH EVENTS BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH IMF/IBRD MEETINGS. IF PRC THREATENS TO PULL OUT OF THOSE TWO SHOWS, SUCH THREAT COULD ACTIVATE IMELDA MARCOS, WHO IS THEIR PRINCIPAL IMPRESSARIO. IF SHE BEGINS TO AGITATE PRESIDENT MARCOS, HE MAY BECOME SOMEWHAT SHAKEN IN HIS CURRENT POSITION.

3. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, I WOULD EXPECT HIM TO STAND FIRM BEHIND VIRATA VIEW THAT PARTICIPATION IS FUNCTION OF ORGANIZATIONS RATHER THAN HOST GOVERNMENT, PRIMARILY BECAUSE  
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HE DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH TO ANAGONIZE ORGANIZATIONS

THEMSELVES. IF HE DOES STAND FIRM AND IF PRC RETALIATES  
BY BOYCOTTING EXHIBITION AND TRADE FAIR, IT WILL BE A  
CONSIDERABLE BLOW TO PHILIPPINE "NON-ALIGNED" POSTURE AND  
TO IMELDA'S PRESTIGE. IT WILL PROBABLY ALSO ACCELERATE  
GOP TENDENCY TO CUT ALL TIES WITH GRC, WHICH WILL INEVITABLY  
EMERGE AS SCAPEGOAT.  
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